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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 20

1. NYT (PAGE 1) "PRESIDENT WARNS OF ATOM BUILD-UP IF SALT TALKS LAG - SAYS HE WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR THREE BILLION DOLLARS UNLESS SOVIET SIGNS ACCORD THIS YEAR - HE CALLS DETENTE A FERVENT DESIRE FOR PEACE, BUT NOT PEACE AT ANY PRICE" DATELINE PEORIA. SUN HEADLINE: "FORD DEFENDS DETENTE - STRESSES STRONG DEFENSE, TALKS TO VETERANS."

2. NYT (PAGE 1) "PRESIDENT'S AIM IS TO PROD SOVIET - REMARKS ON INCREASE FOR ARMS IS PART OF PLAN TO ADOPT TOUGHER STAND," BY LESLIE H. GELB, DATELINE WASHINGTON.

3. WP (PAGE 1) "DETENTE CRITICISM BEHIND FORD TALK" BY DAVID S. BRODER. ASSERTS INCREASING CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FORD BY POLITICAL RIVALS WHO CHARGE HIM IN EFFECT WITH BEING SOFT ON COMMUNISM WAS A FACTOR IN THE DECISION TO MAKE A TOUGH SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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4. SUN (PAGE 2) "KREMLIN VOICES WORRY ON PORTUGAL" REFERS TO PRAVDA'S CALL FOR "MASS SOLIDARITY" ON BEHALF OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS. CSM, PAGE 1, HEADLINE " U.S., SOVIETS STEP UP PORTUGAL DRUM BEATING." REFERS TO PRAVDA AND TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. NYT, PAGE 1, HEADLINE "RUSSIANS INVOKE "MASS SOLIDARITY" WITH LISBON REDS."

5. NYT (PAGE 1) "JUDGE STAYS DOCK BOYCOTT OF SOVIET GRAIN IN HOUSTON." TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED BY DISTRICT JUDGE IN GALVESTON TO END DAY-OLD BOYCOTT AND RESUME LOADING WHEAT ON SHIPS BOUND TO THE SOVIET UNION. HEARINGS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY ON PERMANENT INJUNCTION SOUGHT BY SHIPPERS. PRESIDENT CALLS BOYCOTT "TRAGIC AND UNFORTUNATE." (ALSO WP, SUN, CSM).

6. NYT, SUN, CSM, AND WJS ALL HAVE EDITORIALS ON GRAIN BOYCOTT (SENT BY USINFO).

7. CSM (PAGE 1) "SALT TALKS HARD GOING, U.S. ADMITS - 'REAL LITMUS TEST' WITH RUSSIANS" ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT'S TOUGH SPEECH.

8. CSM EDITORIAL "FORD BACKS PORTUGAL" APPLAUDS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. THE RUSSIANS' OWN THINKING ABOUT PORTUGAL IN FACT AMBIVALENT. THEY GIVE STRONG PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNIST PARTY. ON OTHER HAND, THEY DO NOT WANT TO RISK IMPAIRING DETENTE BY CONFRONTATION WITH U.S. OVER ISSUE.

9. NYT (PAGE 14) "RIGHTS IN SOVIET - A FADING HOPE" BY CHRISTOPHER WREN. HOPES THE USSR MIGHT TAKE SOME INITIATIVE IN CARRYING OUT HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS OF CSCE HAVE BEEN DISSIPATING SINCE DOCUMENT SIGNED. ASIAN DIPLOMAT NOTED SOVIETS WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO CARRY OUT HELSINKI AGREEMENT AS LONG AS IT MEANS NO CHANGES IN ITS INTERNAL SITUATION. FOLLOWING UP ON AGREEMENT, AMERICAN EMBASSY PRESENTED UPDATED LIST OF THOSE SEEKING TO JOIN RELATIVES IN U.S. "IT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE A VERY EASY, COST-FREE GESTURE FOR SOVIETS TO LET THESE PEOPLE GO" AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL NOTED. (WP CARRIED UP REPORT ON REPRESENTATION LIST HEADED "U.S. TESTS SOVIETS WITH TRAVEL LIST" -- REPORT ITSELF IS QUITE FACTUAL.) MAW

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